

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-13 and 17-25 of the instant application are provisionally rejected over claims 1-9 and 13-21 of the copending Application No. 10/460,434; and

Claims 14-16 and 18 are provisionally rejected over claims 10-12 and 14 of the copending Application No. 10/460,434.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the Terminal Disclaimer forms submitted for the instant application previously are not acceptable because they were signed by an agent who is not of record in the application.

In response to the above-mentioned rejections, the Applicants submit four Terminal Disclaimer forms signed by the attorney of record in the instant application, disclaiming a terminal part of the statutory term of a patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of a patent granted on Application Nos. 10/720,574; 10/460,434; 10/460,610 and 10/268,526. The Applicants also submit a Statement Under 37 C.F.R 3.37(b) indicating the ownership of the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees associated with the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer forms and any other fee occasioned by this paper to the Deposit Account 12-1295.

In view of the above, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and a favorable action is respectfully requested.

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